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Dear Mr. Bass:

This is in response to your July 15, 1991 letter regarding the recent office action received in the captioned case.

Since your Pakistan Associates believe they will be successful in arguing against the Examiner's objection against Claim 1, I am providing the following comments which may be used in support of their argument:

-- The paragraphs cited to -- page 4 last paragraph; page 5 last paragraph and page 6 first paragraph (of the original specification) -- refer to the iron carbide as preferred embodiment and not as a restriction on the metal carbide of the invention.

-- Passages in the specification which refer to the metal carbides in the generic sense can be found on Page 1, lines 6-14 and Page 8, lines 7-25 (pages refer to original specification). Additionally, in the balance of the specification, reference is made to "metal carbide" when describing the invention, rather than to any specific metal carbide.

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If your Pakistan Associates are not successful with this tact, then we should drop claim 2 and amend Claim 1 as follows:

"A heat source for use in a smoking article comprising metal carbide, wherein the metal carbide is selected from the group consisting of iron carbide, aluminum carbide, titanium carbide, manganese carbide, tungsten carbide and niobium carbide, or mixtures of two or more thereof."

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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